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"THE LAND-GRABBERS!"
"GUN-DUEL!"

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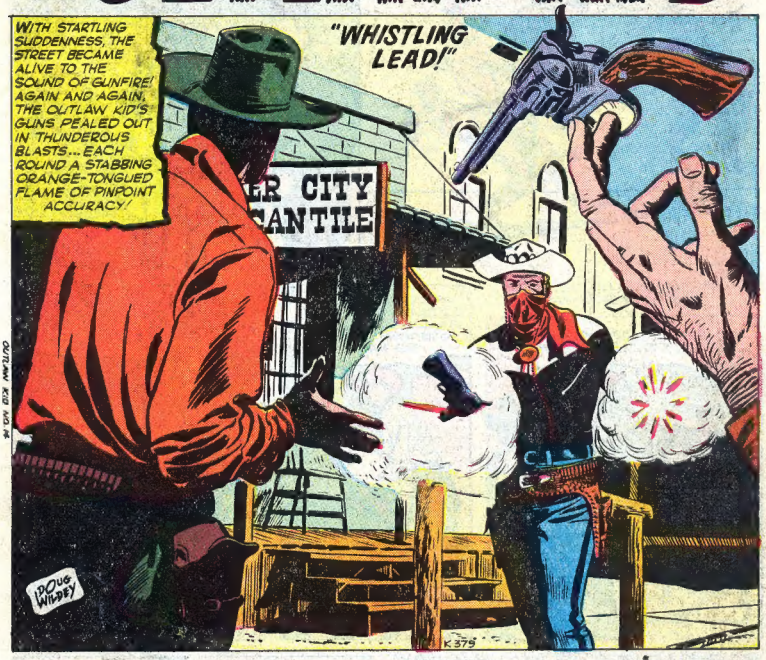
WITH STARTLING SUDDENNESS, THE STREET BECAME ALIVE TO THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE! AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE OUTLAW KID'S GUNS PEALED OUT IN THUNDEROUS BLASTS... EACH ROUND A STABBING ORANGE-TONGUED FLAME OF PINPOINT ACCURACY!
"WHISTLING LEAD!"
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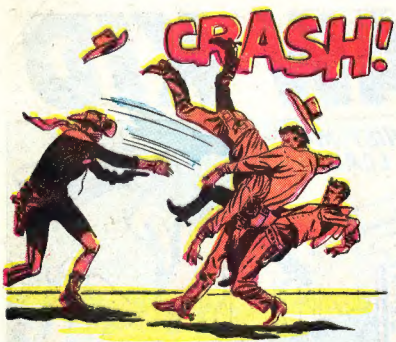
BUT WITH THE SPEED OF A STRIKING PANTHER, THE KID MOVED...

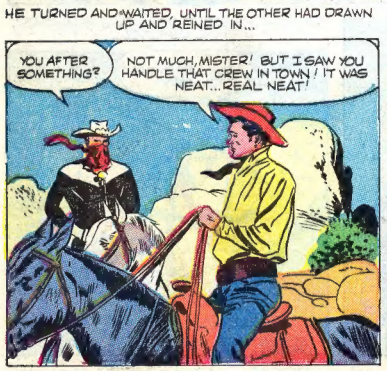

CRASH!

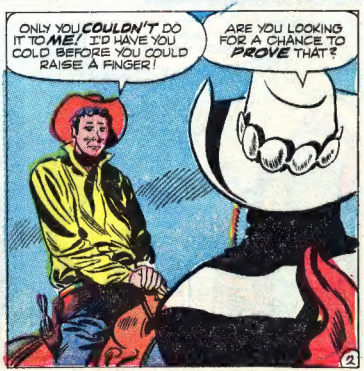
MINUTES LATER...
THANKS A LOT, KID! THESE TROUBLE MAKERS WERE SPOILIN' FOR A FIGHT ALL DAY!
WELL, I'M GLAD THEY PICKED ON ME, SHERIFF... BEFORE THEY GOT TO SOMEONE ELSE!

BUT AS THE KID RODE OFF, THOUGHTFUL EYES WATCHED HIM GO...
HE'S FAST ALL RIGHT! ONE OF THE BEST I EVER LAID EYES ON!

ANYONE WHO WOULD OUTDRAW AGAINST HIM, WOULD BE A BIG MAN IN THIS TOWN...A REAL BIG MAN!

HOLD ON, THUNDER! THERE'S A YOUNG MAVERICK BEEN FOLLOWING US EVER SINCE WE LEFT TOWN! LET'S STOP AND FIND OUT WHY!

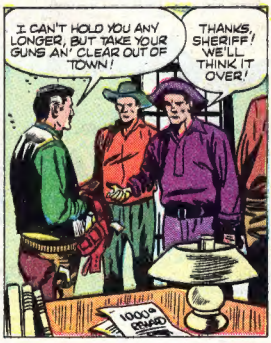

HE TURNED AND WAITED, UNTIL THE OTHER HAD DRAWN UP AND REINED IN...
YOU AFTER SOMETHING?
NOT MUCH, MISTER! BUT I SAW YOU HANDLE THAT CREW IN TOWN! IT WAS NEAT... REAL NEAT!


ONLY YOU COULDN'T DO IT TO ME! I'D HAVE YOU COLD BEFORE YOU COULD RAISE A FINGER!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO PROVE THAT?

THAT I AM, BUT THIS AIN'T THE PLACE! IT'S GOTTA BE BACK THERE, WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE! OTHERWISE, NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME!
YOU'RE BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE, YOUNG FELLA! I DON'T GO IN FOR SHOWDOWNS!

YOU WILL THIS TIME, OR THE WHOLE TOWN'LL KNOW THAT YOU BACKED DOWN! I'M CALLIN' OUR MEETIN' FOR SATURDAY NIGHT! SO LONG FOR NOW, MISTER!

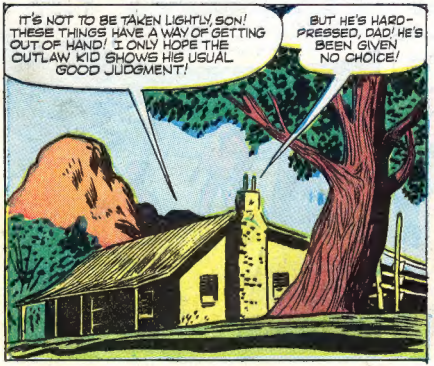
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...



WHAT DO WE DO, CARNEY... CLEAR OUT?
NOT SO FAST! I'M GETTIN' EVEN WITH THAT MASKED CRITTER! I DON'T KNOW HOW YET... BUT I'LL THINK OF SOMETHIN'!
JAIL

AND WHEN SATURDAY ROLLED AROUND AT THE TEMPLE RANCH...

I DON'T LIKE IT, LANCE, NOT ONE BIT! SEEMS THIS YOUNG FELLA IS GROWIN' AS TO HOW HE'S GONNA OUTSHOOT THE OUTLAW KID, PROVIDIN' HE'S MAN ENOUGH TO SHOW UP IN TOWN TONIGHT!
IT'S JUST TALK, DAD!


IT'S NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY, SON! THESE THINGS HAVE A WAY OF GETTING OUT OF HAND! I ONLY HOPE THE OUTLAW KID SHOWS HIS USUAL GOOD JUDGMENT!
BUT HE'S HARD-PRESSED, DAD! HE'S BEEN GIVEN NO CHOICE!

I'M POSITIVE THE KID DOESN'T WANT ANY PART IN UNNECESSARY GUN PLAY, BUT THIS YOUNG FELLOW COULD USE A LESSON...FOR HIS OWN GOOD!
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AND WHEN NIGHT CAME TO CALIBER CITY...

THEY WAITED TILL HE DREW ABREAST...THEN CARNEY MADE HIS BID...

I CALLED FOR A SHOWDOWN...NOT A DRY-GULCHIN'! FURTHERMORE, YOU'RE NOTHIN' BUT A DOUBLE-DEALIN' BUZZARD, AN' I'M GIVIN' YOU A THREE COUNT TO DRAW! ONE...TWO...
WHY, YUH NO GOOD...

OWW! GET 'IM, BOYS!
WITH EXPLODING FURY, THE SILENT STREET NOW WHISTLED TO THE HAIL OF SPEEDING LEAD...
BLAM! BLAM! BAM!
THIS FRESH KID'S GOT IT COMIN'...
BUT IN THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT, A SPEEDING FIGURE SLAMMED INTO VIEW, AND THE AIR ROILED TO THE THUNDERING BLAST OF HIS HAMMERING GUNS!
SIDE BY SIDE, THEIR GUNS SPOKE OUT, NOT IN OPPOSITION BUT IN UNISON... A COMBINATION OF WITHERING FORCE...
OWW!
THEY'RE TURNIN'... RUNNIN' OUT!
MAYBE NOW THEY'LL STAY OUT FOR KEEPS!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE, MISTER! I'M GRATEFUL, BUT MORE THAN THAT, I LEARNED SOMETHING BY THIS CLOSE SHAVE!
LIKE WHAT?
THAT A MAN'S FRIENDS CAN COME FROM THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES! I'M CURED NOW! ALL I'M ASKIN' IS IF WE CAN BE FRIENDS?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK, YOUNG FELLA...WE ARE!
THE END
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LOST GOLD

"WHERE you goin', pa?"

Jim Horder looked up as he saddled his cayuse in the big horse barn of the Diamond L ranch. His son's voice was low and saddened. And Jim Horder knew why.

His eyes swept toward the wide-open barn doors, toward the answer. Parched, sun-burnt prairie, with the ever-menacing desert beyond. A few bony cattle, passing by, against the horizon, on his north thousand acres.

The plague had been terrible that winter. They could call it anything they wanted. But they didn't know the cause. It came and went. Perhaps the western lands would escape it for ten years. Maybe for twenty. But then it would come in any case. Sometimes it came for years in succession. This time it had lasted for three whole years. It was gone, now, and the horses of the Diamond L with it . . . all but a few. Drought had combined with plague in an effort to ruin the Diamond L fortunes.

Only Jim Horder knew how close he was to ruin. If he could hold out until next year . . .

But he knew he couldn't. There was less than a hundred dollars left in his bank account. To get a herd next year and buy enough horses to keep it in check and to round it up, to hire the men to ride those horses, would take at least ten thousand dollars. He shrugged. Ten thousand dollars was as impossible a sum to find as a diamond big as his thumb.

"You goin' to the bank, pa?"

Little twelve-year-old Bill Horder looked at his father wistfully.

Jim Horder nodded.

"I gotta try to get some money, son," he said, in a kindly voice.

"We need it bad, don't we?" Bill asked.

"Bad, son," his father said. Then he smiled and patted Bill's head. "Don't you worry. The Diamond L's been here for a long time, and it's gonna be here when you're grown up to inherit it."

"If only we had grandpa's treasure," Bill said, gloomily.

"Nobody'll ever find that," Jim Horder said grimly. He swung on his horse and gaily tipped his hat to Bill.

"Maybe *I* can, pa," Bill said eagerly. "I've been thinkin'."

"You're welcome to try, boy," Jim Horder said, joshingly.

He reined out of the barn, waved good-bye to his wife who stood hanging up bed-sheets on a clothesline in the back of the ranch house yard. Then he took the path out to the road.

"Maybe I *can* find it, pa!" Bill yelled exultantly, running up to the gate and opening it. "Like I said, I've been thinkin' about it."

Silently, Jim Horder waved good-bye again. He grunted, thinking of the treasure. It was grandpa Jim, his own father, who had pioneered this land, come from four hundred miles further east alone, laid out the territory, built the original ranch house. The old man had also found a small gold treasure, an ancient Indian cache . . . or so he'd written the family, when telling them everything was ready, and to pack up and come west.

He'd died before they'd arrived. The gold, which he said he'd always carry on him, was gone. And there were no signs of robbery. They'd buried him out on the desert. The grave wasn't far from the present ranch house location.

The wind sprang up sharply as Jim Horder took the Cannonball Road into town. Grey clouds drifted down from the skies and he stared at them anxiously. They might mean snow and they might mean wind. Either event would be bad, very bad. Snow would catch his remaining cattle out on

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

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BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied.

AFTER

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BEFORE

This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.

AFTER

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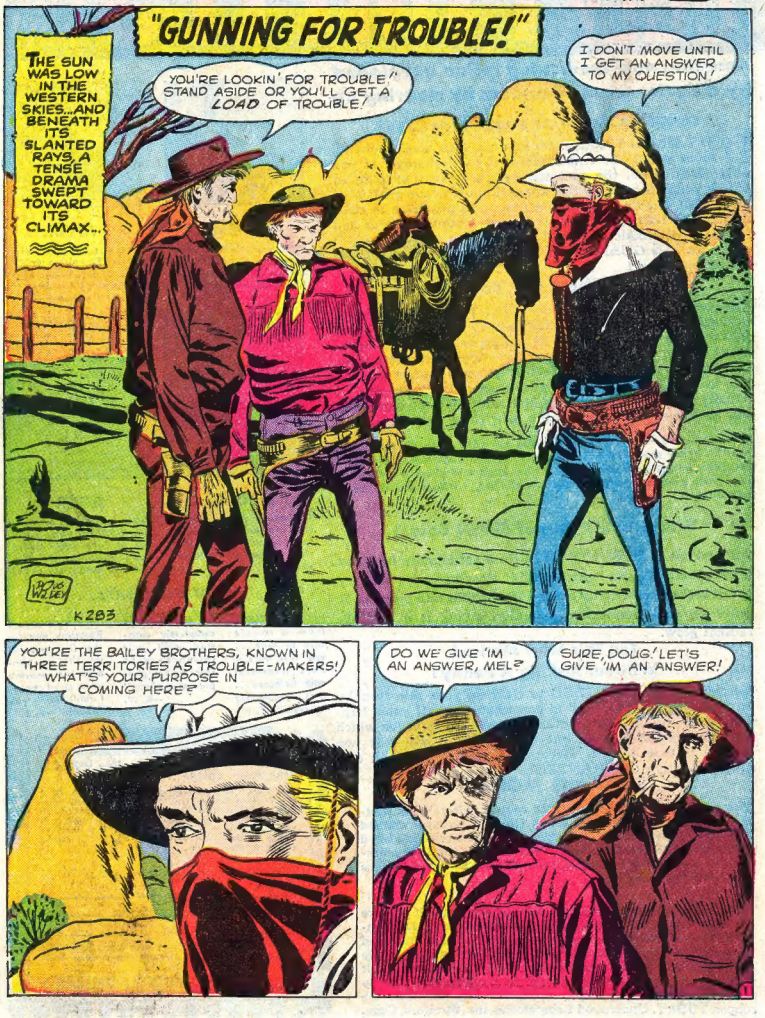
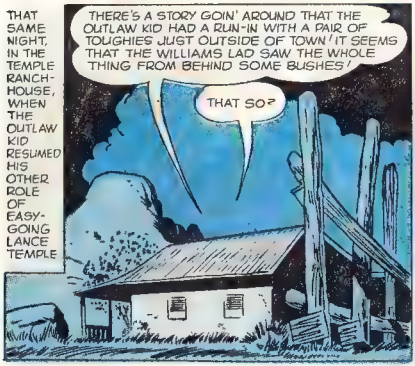
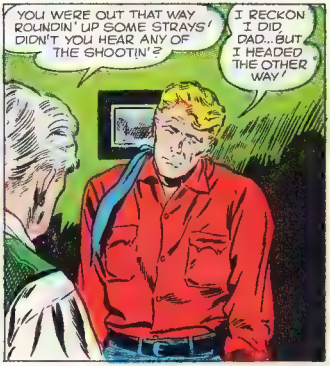

"GUNNING FOR TROUBLE!"
THE SUN WAS LOW IN THE WESTERN SKIES...AND BENEATH ITS SLANTED RAYS, A TENSE DRAMA SWEPT TOWARD ITS CLIMAX...
YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE! STAND ASIDE OR YOU'LL GET A LOAD OF TROUBLE!
I DON'T MOVE UNTIL I GET AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION!
K 283
YOU'RE THE BAILEY BROTHERS, KNOWN IN THREE TERRITORIES AS TROUBLE-MAKERS! WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE IN COMING HERE?
DO WE GIVE 'IM AN ANSWER, MEL?
SURE, DOUG! LET'S GIVE 'IM AN ANSWER!

MINUTES LATER, AS THE DUST BILLOWED BACK FROM THEIR THUNDERING HOOFS..

FOR THE TIME BEING, THEY'RE GONE, BUT A PAIR OF CRITTERS LIKE THOSE TWO WON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN! THEY'LL BE BACK, AND I'D BETTER BE READY!

THAT SAME NIGHT, IN THE TEMPLE RANCH-HOUSE, WHEN THE OUTLAW KID RESUMED HIS OTHER ROLE OF EASY-GOING LANCE TEMPLE


THERE'S A STORY GOIN' AROUND THAT THE OUTLAW KID HAD A RUN-IN WITH A PAIR OF TOUGHIES JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN! IT SEEMS THAT THE WILLIAMS LAD SAW THE WHOLE THING FROM BEHIND SOME BUSHES!
THAT SO?

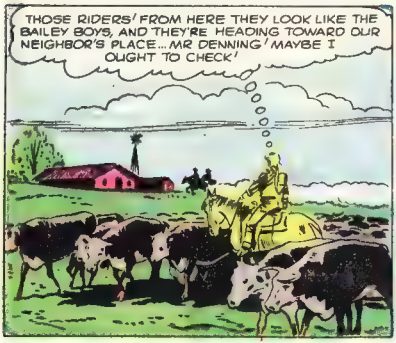


THAT WAS THE SMART THING TO DO, SON! IT'S NOT THAT I'M ASKIN' YOU TO BE A COWARD... JUST TO AVOID VIOLENCE AT ALL COST!
SURE, DAD.. I'VE KEPT THAT PROMISE... AND I ALWAYS WILL!

MEANWHILE, AS THE EMBITTERED BROTHERS SAT BEFORE THEIR FIRE...

NOW WHAT?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! NO DRESSED-UP CLOWN IS GONNA PUSH ME AROUND! WE CAME TO CALIBER CITY FOR A REASON AND WE AIN'T LEAVIN' 'TILL WE FINISH THINGS UP!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHILE LANCE TENDED HIS FATHER'S SMALL HERD...


THOSE RIDERS! FROM HERE THEY LOOK LIKE THE BAILEY BOYS, AND THEY'RE HEADING TOWARD OUR NEIGHBOR'S PLACE... MR DENNING! MAYBE I OUGHT TO CHECK!

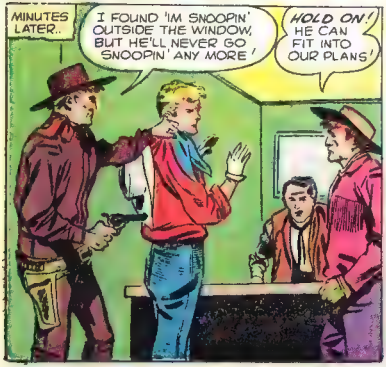
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, INSIDE DENNING'S HOUSE...

I'M THRU WITH OUTLAW LIFE, DOUG! I SERVED MY TIME AND PAID MY DEBT TO SOCIETY! I'VE GONE STRAIGHT!
SO I SEE. AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE RIGHT WELL!

WE NEED SOME MONEY, DENNING, AND WE FIGGERED YOU WOULDN'T LET OLD PALS DOWN.. NOT WITH YOUR NICE REPUTATION AT STAKE!
THAT'S BLACKMAIL!

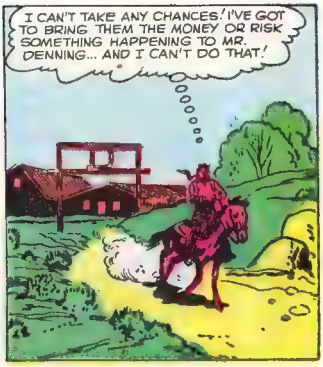
MEANWHILE, AS LANCE OVERHEARD ALL AT THE WINDOW

SUDDENLY...

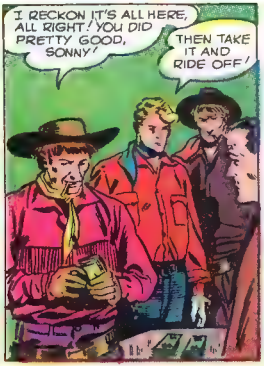


MAKE OUT A WITHDRAWAL SLIP FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS DRAWN ON YOUR BANK, AND AUTHORIZE THIS HOMBRE TO COLLECT FOR YOU!
A-ALL RIGHT.. WHATEVER YOU SAY...

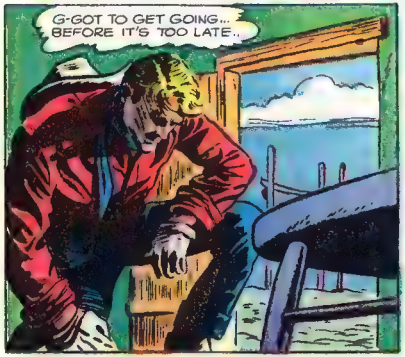
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO! GET THE MONEY AND KEEP YORE TRAP SHUT! BRING IT BACK INSIDE AN HOUR... ALONE... OR ELSE!
DO AS HE SAYS, LANCE... PLEASE...



AND WHEN THE HOUR DREW TO AN END...



SLOWLY, AS CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED...



SWIFTLY, LANCE MADE HIS CHANGE, EMERGING ONCE AGAIN AS THE HEROIC *OUTLAW KID*...

THIS HOMBRE IS SLOWIN' US DOWN! HOW LONG DOES HE RIDE WITH US?
JUST FAR ENOUGH TO MAKE SURE WE AREN'T BEING FOLLOWED!

MINUTES LATER.
HOLD ON! THIS IS FAR ENOUGH!
WAIT... DON'T!

THEN A STEEL-EDGED VOICE BROKE IN.
FREEZE! JUST LIKE YOU ARE!
WHAT?

THE MASKED MAN AGAIN! THIS TIME I'LL... OWW!

I HOPED WE'D MEET AGAIN JUST TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS!

I'LL BE TAKING THESE TWO INTO TOWN, MR DENNING! THIS IS ONE TIME THEY WON'T BE GETTING AWAY WITH BREAKING THE LAW!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, WHEN LANCE TEMPLE VISITED THE DENNING RANCH.
YOU AND THE OUTLAW KID ARE THE ONLY OTHER PERSONS WHO KNOW ABOUT MY PAST!
AND IT WON'T GET ANY FURTHER! YOU'VE PAID YOUR DEBT, AND AS FOR ME AND THE OUTLAW KID.. YOUR SECRET IS SAFE!
THE END

How I Made a Small Fortune In Spare Time!

(WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

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No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe Man in off hours You should see how people buy these shoes! Look... real AIR CUSHION innersoles!
GOSH! Can I make money that way?

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And look at this! Over different styles Dress shoes, sport shoes, work shoes... from width AAAA to EEEE

I started in 'in friends, relatives people where I worked EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!
Just feel that cushion Joe! Wouldn't you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?
Say, I'd like those shoes You sure have swell styles my right size too!

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Hello Mr Jones It's been 2 months since I've called on you
Come in, Mr Bergstrom Time I was getting another pair of Mason Shoes My wife needs a pair too!
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I soon had a business that brought me over $3,000 EXTRA a year plus exciting prizes. I found real security!
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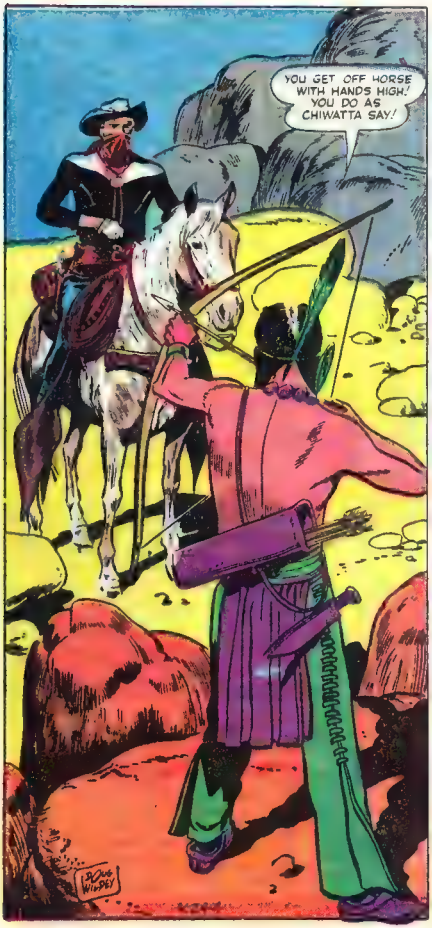
"GUN DUEL!"



HE DID AS HE WAS TOLD... CAUTIOUSLY, THE INDIAN BOY CLOSED IN...
YOU WILL STEAL NO MORE FROM MY PEOPLE.. YOU AND THOSE OTHER PALEFACES!
HOLD ON, LAD! YOU'VE GOT ME WRONG!

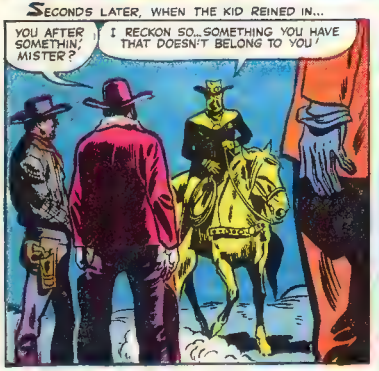
DOWN, FAST!
NOW SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!
Y-YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE! THEN YOU ARE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS! THE ONES WHO BURNED OUR LODGES AND STOLE OUR PONIES!
THOSE ARE PRETTY SERIOUS CHARGES, CHIWATTA! SUPPOSE YOU TAKE ME TO YOUR CAMP.. SO THAT I CAN GET ALL THE FACTS!
YES, I WILL TAKE YOU... RIGHT AWAY!
MEANWHILE, ON THE TRAIL THE HORSE THIEVES HAD TAKEN...
BURNING THEIR TEPEES WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA, COLE!
STOP CRABBIN'! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DIVIDE THEIR ATTENTION! BY THEIR FIGHTIN' THE FLAMES, WE WERE ABLE TO RIDE OFF WITH THEIR HORSES!
AN' THEY'LL FETCH US A GOOD PRICE, TOO! I KNOW A HORSE TRADER IN RIMROCK WHO'LL TAKE THE WHOLE STRING...AN' NO QUESTIONS ASKED!
BUT AT THE INDIAN CAMP, AS DUSK FELL...
THESE MEN ARE LAWBREAKERS, CHIEF RUNNING HAWK! TO LEAD YOUR PEOPLE AGAINST THE WHITE SETTLEMENTS WOULD NOT RETURN YOUR PONIES, BUT ONLY LEAD TO WAR!
BUT THESE EVIL-DOERS MUST BE PUNISHED!

THEY WILL BE PUNISHED! ALL I ASK IS THAT SOME OF YOUR BRAVES JOIN ME IN A SEARCH...BUT I MUST BE IN CHARGE!
YOU HAVE SAVED CHIWATTA'S LIFE, AND HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF TRUSTWORTHY! YOU WILL HAVE YOUR CHANCE!

SOON, LED BY THE KID, THE SEARCH PARTY WAS ON ITS WAY..
MAYBE THIS PALEFACE IS REALLY ONE OF THEM! EVEN NOW HE MAY BE LEADING US INTO A TRAP!
NO...IT ISN'T SO!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AS THE TRAIL GREW WARMER, THE KID SIGNALED A HALT...
THEY CAN'T BE TOO FAR NOW, BUT AS WE AGREED, I WILL NOW GO ON ALONE! IF I NEED HELP, I WILL SIGNAL!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT THE HORSE THIEVES' CAMP..
LOOKIT, COLE... A MASKED MAN HEADIN' THIS WAY!
DON'T DRAW YET! I'LL PALAVER WITH 'IM FIRST!



THERE'S A GROUP OF BRAVES BACK ON THE TRAIL, AND THEY'RE HOLDING OFF ONLY BECAUSE I ASKED THEM! MY SUGGESTION IS THAT YOU HAND OVER THOSE PONIES...PRONTO!
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HOLD ON, COLE! I WAS AGAINST THIS THING FROM THE START, AND I'M NOT LOOKIN' FOR INJUN TROUBLE!
YOU STAY OUTA THIS!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO... WHAT'S THAT?
SOMEONE'S OUT THERE!
SNAP!
IT'S AN INJUN! THERE COULD BE MORE!
GET 'IM!
BUT BEFORE THE OUTLAW COULD TAKE AIM, THE KID'S COLT BLARED OUT WITH THUNDEROUS FORCE...
DOUBLE-CROSS YOUR OWN KIND! I'LL SHOW YUH... ...OHHHH!
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WITH THE VANQUISHED THIEVES WELL-TIED...
CHIWATTA WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE ONE TO BE TRUSTED! MY CARELESSNESS NOT ONLY GAVE ME AWAY, BUT IT ALMOST COST ME MY LIFE!
I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR DOUBTING ME! I WENT ALONE, HOPING I COULD GET THEM TO SURRENDER WITHOUT A FIGHT...
BUT YOU CAN TELL YOUR CHIEF THAT THEY WILL BE PUNISHED FOR THEIR CRIME!
WE WILL TELL HIM THAT...AND OF YOUR GREAT COURAGE, TOO!
FAREWELL, WHITE BROTHER... TILL WE MEET AGAIN!
THE END
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AMBUSH!
CONSARN IT! I WUZ AFEARED OF THIS!
WHAT'S WRONG, BULL?
BAD NEWS, BULL?
IT'S MUH BROTHER, BEN! HE'S FOUND OUT THAT I'M HERE IN LARRAME AND HE'S HEADIN' THIS WAY!
I NEVER KNOWED YUH HAD A BROTHER, BULL!
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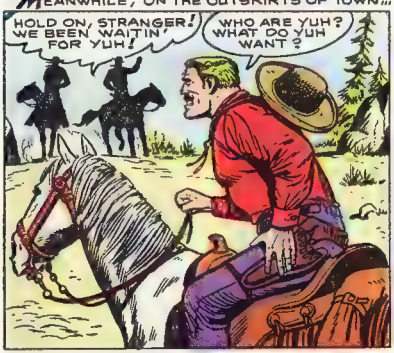
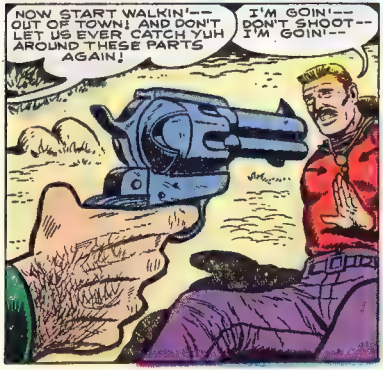
I'M THE TOP MAN IN THIS TOWN--AND I AIN'T GONNA STEP DOWN ON ACCOUNTA BEN GETTIN' ANY IDEAS!
WHAT DO YUH WANT US TO DO, BULL?
I WANT YUH TO WAIT FER 'IM TO SHOW UP--AND THEN AMBUSH 'IM! GIT 'IM TO LEAVE TOWN ANY WAY YUH WANT!
YUH DON'T MIND IF'N WE MUSS 'IM UP A LITTLE?
NO! DO WHAT YUH WANT--JUST GIT RID OF 'IM! THERE AIN'T ROOM IN LARRAME FOR BOTH OF US!
HOW'LL WE KNOW WHO HE IS?
YUH'LL KNOW 'IM, ALL RIGHT! HE'S MY BROTHER, AIN'T HE? NOW WAIT OUT ON SAGEBRUSH PASS AND HEAD 'IM OFF!
I AIN'T GONNA LET BEN INTERFERE WITH ME ANY MORE! THIS TIME I GOT A GANG WITH ME, AND BEN CAN'T TAKE OVER!

MEANWHILE, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...





THIS THE WAY TO LARRAME, GENTS?
YEAH—BUT BE CAREFUL, SONNY—IT'S A PRETTY TOUGH TOWN! HAW! HAW!
JASPERS LIKE YOU DON'T LAST VERY LONG IN LARRAME!
A HALF-HOUR LATER---
I RECKON WE CAN REPORT BACK TO BULL NOW-- HIS BROTHER'S OUTA SIGHT!
LOOK—HERE COMES BULL NOW!
YUH ORNERY COYOTES— I THOUGHT I TOLD YUH TO AMBUSH MUH BROTHER BEN!
B-BUT WE DID!
YUH MEAN-YUH MEAN--???
I'M BEN, GENTS!
MARSHAL BEN THURSTON--AND I DON'T LIKE HOMBRES TO DRAW ON ME!
AND WE THOUGHT-!
C'MON, BULL—THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR AT CARSON CITY IS MIGHTY ANXIOUS TO SEE YUH! ANYONE GOT ANY OBJECTIONS?
N-NO, SIR--YUH CAN HAVE HIM!
I DON'T BLAME YUH FER LEAVIN' LARRAME, HOMBRES--- THERE'S A LOT OF LOCO JASPERS THERE!
I GOT A HUNCH THINGS' LL BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON, MISTER!
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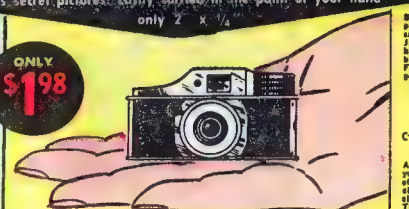

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the range and wipe him out completely.

The trip into town took two hours.

He reined in at the Cattleman's Bank and went in to see Joe Dodger, the manager. Joe wasn't encouraging.

"Can't do a thing for you, Jim," he said. "Our credit's strained as it is."

"But I'm a good risk, Joe!" Horder protested. "I always have been!"

The bank manager smiled wryly.

"Jim, you're through and you know it. I sympathize . . . you know I do," he said. "But I can't help."

"What about my spread," Horder asked. "Land has value."

"With a mortgage that size on it already . . ." Joe began.

Jim Horder nodded glumly. He said good-bye and left.

Well, that was it, he decided as he rode up the rapidly darkening Cannonball Road. The Diamond L was finished. He wondered how he was going to tell his wife and his son about it. It wasn't going to be easy. As for jobs, they'd have to pull up stakes and go back East, to their relatives.

Mrs. Horder met him at the ranchyard gate.

"It's Bill!" She said, above the rising wind. "He's gone. I missed him a while after you'd gone!"

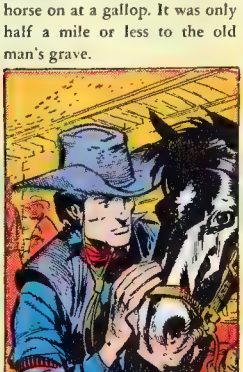
"Did he indicate where he might be going?" her husband asked.

"Why, he kept talking about grandpa's gold treasure . . ." Her voice faltered. "Oh, Jim, you don't suppose he's gone out to look for the treasure?"

Jim Horder's face tightened. A few snow flakes came drifting down from the skies. It had been hard enough, before. But now Bill had wandered off.

"Did he take the pony?" he asked.

Mrs. Horder nodded. Then, he patted her head and struck spurs. A moment later he was over the east rise and on the way. The snow began coming down faster, now. His mount struggled against the wind. It was useless to shout in the steady, grinding roar it made. Ahead, though the visibility was still fair, he could see nothing moving. He urged his horse on at a gallop. It was only half a mile or less to the old man's grave.



Then, with startling suddenness, the snow stopped just as Jim Horder rode up to the gravestone. For a moment he saw nothing but the clump of cactus surrounding the simple marker. Then came a call.

"Pa! Over here! It's me . . . Bill!"

The nose of Bill's pony poked out from behind the nearest cactus, about thirty feet away. Jim cantered over, as Bill appeared.

"Bill, what are you doin' out here?" he demanded.

"I've found the treasure, pa! I've found it!" Bill cried.

"Nonsense!" His father said sternly.

"But I *did!*" Bill insisted. "I told you I'd been thinkin' this out. I kinda felt that grandpa would try to hide the gold for us so that nobody could steal it after he'd died. But the only thing he could have hid it in was a *cactus* . . . a baby cactus, a small one, as all these were when he died. Whoever found him never noticed that he'd cut a section out of the cactus wall, put in the gold nuggets and then replaced the cut piece and marked it. He knew the cut piece would grow back in." Bill pointed upward, at the cactus. "It's out of my reach, pa. But it's there. You can see it, because grandpa marked it with a knife, and it's grown a lot since he did!"

Jim Horder gasped with astonishment as his eyes followed Bill's finger. For there, on the cactus side, about a dozen feet off the ground, was a grown-over scar, with a diamond mark and an L cut in it. Jumping erect on his saddle, he drew his pocket knife and cut through the scar. An instant later, a leather pouch fell into his hands, gleams of flashing nuggets coming through its torn holes.

"Pa," Bill began anxiously, "you won't spank me, will you, pa?"

Jim Horder smiled.

"Spank you, son?" he chuckled. "Of course not! You saved the ranch, so I'm changin' its name to the Gold Nugget Bill!"

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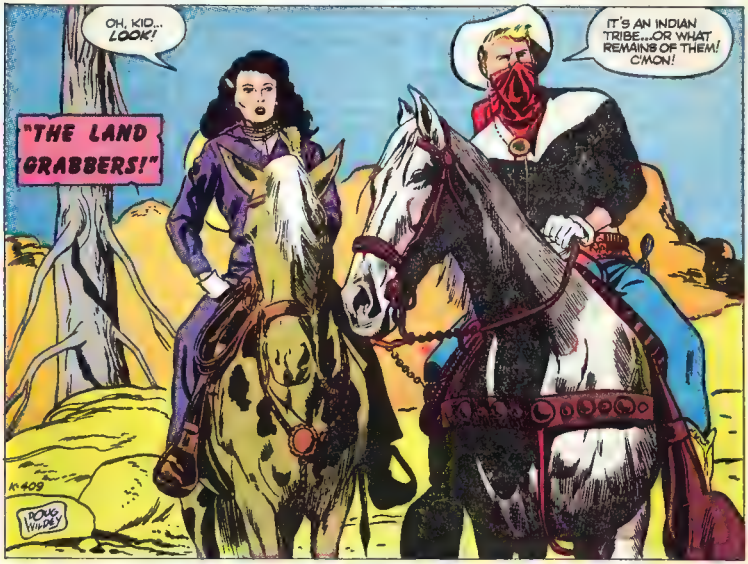
THE OUTLAW KID

IT WAS A THRILLING MOMENT FOR BELLE, TO BE RIDING ALONGSIDE THE FAMOUS **OUTLAW KID**, BUT THEY HADN'T GONE FAR, WHEN A PITIFUL SIGHT MET THEIR EYES, AND A CRY OF ANGUISH ESCAPED HER LIPS...



THEY SWOOPED DOWN TO THE PLAIN BELOW, EAGER TO BE OF HELP..

MINUTES LATER, AS THEY DISPENSED THEIR MEAGER SUPPLY OF WATER...

WHAT HAPPENED? YOU ARE **OSAGES**, AND QUITE A DISTANCE FROM YOUR HOME LAND! WHY ARE YOU HERE?
BECAUSE OUR HOME LAND IS NO MORE! WE HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OFF BY EVIL PALEFACES!

"THEY STRUCK WITHOUT WARNING, DRIVING US BEFORE THEM LIKE LEAVES BEFORE THE WIND..."

SWEEP 'EM OUT, BOYS... EVERY ONE OF 'EM!

"WE HAD NO HORSES FOR OUR SICK! WE CARRIED THEM AS BEST AS WE COULD, BUT MANY WERE LOST ALONG THE WAY..."

BUT WHY WOULD THEY DO THIS? YOUR PEOPLE HAVE WORKED THE SOIL LIKE THE WHITE MAN! THE OSAGES HAVE BEEN THE MOST PEACEFUL OF ALL THE TRIBES!

THAT IS TRUE, BUT LOOK TO WHAT END IT HAS BROUGHT US!

WE HAVE BEEN CHASED OFF OUR LAND, AND WHY? BECAUSE IT IS RICH WITH THE YELLOW METAL THE PALEFACES PRIZE SO HIGHLY!

GOLD...SO THAT'S IT!

DO YOU THINK YOU COULD PUT THESE PEOPLE UP TEMPORARILY AT YOUR RANCH, WHILE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO GET BACK THEIR HOMES?

I'M SURE DAD WON'T MIND! THEY CAN COME BACK WITH ME RIGHT NOW!

HOLD ON, NASHTA! I HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR YOU!

IF IT WILL HELP DRIVE OFF THE EVIL ONES ..THEN I AM READY!

QUICKLY, THE KID OUTLINED HIS PLAN...

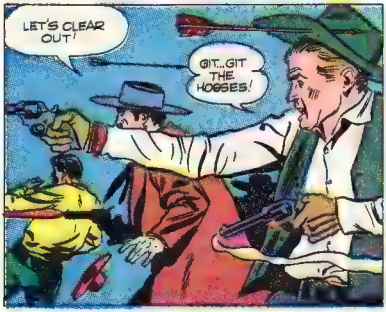
I WILL SEE THAT YOU GET A HORSE! THEN YOU WILL DO EXACTLY AS I HAVE TOLD YOU!

I WILL, WHITE BROTHER... EXACTLY!

THAT SAME AFTERNOON, AT THE TEMPLE RANCH, AS THE KID TOOK ON HIS PLACID ROLE OF LANCE TEMPLE.
IT'S TERRIBLE ABOUT THEM INJUNS! I'M MIGHTY GLAD THAT BELLE AND HER DAD ARE LOOKIN' AFTER 'EM!
SO AM I, DAD! THAT'S WHERE I'M HEADED NOW!
BUT WHEN HE HAD TRAVELED ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE ALONG THE TRAIL...
I RECKON IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE! THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE... WORK I AM PLEDGED NOT TO DO AS LANCE TEMPLE!
MINUTES LATER, THE HEROIC OUTLAW KID ONCE AGAIN RODE FORTH...
RUN LIKE YOU NEVER RAN BEFORE, THUNDER! WE'VE GOT TO REACH THE OSAGES' TERRITORY BEFORE DUSK!
AND WHEN THE LENGTHENING AFTERNOON SHADOWS FELL ACROSS THE DESTROYED INDIAN VILLAGE...
WE SURE MADE OURSELVES A HAUL, COATES! THIS TERRITORY IS JUST LOADED WITH NUGGETS!
AND IT SURE CAME EASY... LIKE TAKIN' CANDY FROM A BABY!
THEN YOU'LL GIVE THE "CANDY" BACK... PRONTO!
HUH?
WHAT IN THE... OWW!
GET 'IM... DRAG 'IM OFF A THAR!
THEY RUSHED HIM IN FORCE, THEIR HANDS SEIZING HIM FROM ALL SIDES...
IT'S PANNING OUT... SO FAR!

THEY HAD HIM, SO THEY THOUGHT, THEIR LEERING FACES PRESSED CLOSE TO HIS...
YOU MADE A MISTAKE, MEDDLIN' WHERE YOU DON'T BELONG! NOW YOU'RE GONNA PAY..
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! STEALING FROM INDIANS IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE!
MEBBE SO, BUT THEY GOTTA CATCH YOU FIRST, RIGHT, BOYS?
YOU BET! HAW! HAW! HAW!
THE TIME FOR FOOLIN' IS DONE WITH! WE'RE RIDIN' OUT, HOMBRE...WHICH IS SOMETHIN' YOU'LL NEVER DO AGAIN!
DON'T BE SO SURE...
...AND DON'T TRY PULLING THAT GUN! IT'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT REGRET...
HUH?
YOU'RE NOT TRICKIN'... OHHH!
SPLAANG!
INJUNS! SHOOT YORE WAY OUT!
YOUR SHOOTING DAYS ARE OVER...AS OF NOW!

THEN THE AIR BRISTLED TO ROARING COLTS AND HURTLING FEATHERED SHAFTS...



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THERE WAS CAUSE FOR REJOICING IN THE OSAGES' VILLAGE...

TWICE YOU SAVED MY LIFE, NASHTA!
BUT YOUR PLAN AND COURAGE SAVED OUR VILLAGE! I AM ONLY GLAD THAT I RETURNED IN TIME WITH THE COMANCHE BRAVES YOU SENT ME FOR!

LATER, AS THE KID TURNED FOR A LAST LOOK...BEFORE TAKING THE TRAIL BACK..

I RECKON EVERYTHING HAS TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT, THUNDER! WITH THOSE THIEVING HOMBRES IN JAIL, THESE PEOPLE CAN RETURN TO THEIR PEACEFUL WAYS... AND WE CAN HEAD FOR HOME!

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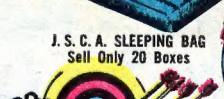

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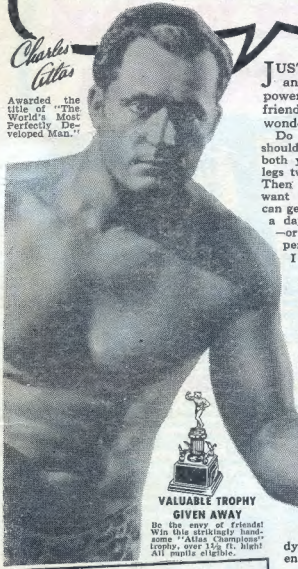

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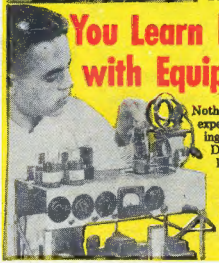

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